

To whom to may concern,  
I'm writing to express my concerns over NAB petition 04-160.

Traditional broadcasters have failed to meet the needs of the listening public for at least the last 10 years. AM/FM radio is a travesty. The lack of innovative programming and overload of commercials led me to subscribe to satellite radio.

Although I am only a subscriber to XM Radio, I also write in support of Sirius Satellite radio, as well as any future satellite radio services that might join XM and Sirius.

XM's Traffic and Weather Service is a brilliant offering. I live in the Pennsylvania/ New Jersey area and find the traffic and weather service offered by XM for this area to be an incredible asset. I make use of this service daily for my 80 mile commute, I cannot express how great it is to turn on XM and get the traffic/weather info I need without listening to minute after minute of commercial brainwashing.

The FCC should be representing the community's right to choose. If satellite does not provide a valuable service, they will fail. The same should be true of AM/FM radio. Perhaps the services provided by satellite radio will make traditional radio stations reconsider their own offerings.

I also urge you consider that as a subscription service, XM and Sirius radio should not be held to the NAB's whims. I chose to subscribe to satellite radio because traditional AM/FM does not offer what I want to listen to, nor do they listen to or care about their audience.

I urge you FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Please support satellite radio to provide the kind of programming that we demand, deserve and pay for as subscribers.

Thank You,  
John Erb